

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-9 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 6 and 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,750,801 (Stefanik) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,223,348 (Hayes et al.).

A terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently to overcome the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the pending (i.e. claims 1-9) claims.

All of the rejections having been overcome, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to expediting the prosecution of this application, she is urged to contact the undersigned at (703) 905-9818.

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